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### Friday

Mostly Sunny

High: 83  
Low: 62

### Saturday

Mostly Sunny

High: 91  
Low: 64

### Sunday

Mostly Sunny

High: 85  
Low: 58

## Frawley Pleads Guilty



Eric Norman/Bullet

Ousted University President William Frawley looks on as his attorney, Philip Sasser, fields questions from reporter Kathy Stewart on their way out of the Fredericksburg District Courthouse.

### Former UMW President Convicted of DUI Tuesday

By KATY BURNELL  
News Editor

On Tuesday, former University President William J. Frawley pleaded guilty to driving under the influence in Fredericksburg. He faces another drunk-driving charge tomorrow in Fairfax County.

The Fredericksburg District Court Judge suspended Frawley's license for one year, fined him \$500 plus court costs and referred him to state-run substance abuse counseling.

Judge John R. Stevens followed a recommendation by Commonwealth's attorney Charles Sharp and dropped a lesser charge against Frawley as part of a plea deal.

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## Shake-up in OSACS

### Administrative Changes Bring New Ideas to UMW Activities

By CHANNON FULTON  
Staff Writer

All four members of the Student Activities and Community Services staff from last academic year are gone, including former director Lee Cotton, terminated at the end of spring semester 2007.

The school replaced Cotton, who left after one year on the job, with Joseph Anthony Mollo Jr. Mollo, whose salary is \$54,000, was hired June 25 at almost \$9000 more than Cotton, who earned \$45,390 last year.

Mollo has an extensive background in student services at small public universities and some years at small private universities.

Hilda Rodriguez, the office manager and financial technician, Christina Eggenberger, student organization manager, and Steven Thomas, the assistant director of student activities, are also new this year.

Cedric Rucker, dean of student life and supervisor of the OSACS office,

declined to comment on the causes of the multiple terminations.

Mollo said he knew nothing about Cotton, the former OSACS director, but did acknowledge that the office had a rocky past and "credibility issues" last year.

"OSACS is going to be much different this year and there will be many improvements," Mollo said.

Mollo said he is excited about his new job, staff, and the new direction for OSACS. "This is a truly dynamic operation," he said. "We have a brand new staff who are dedicated, high energy, and have different backgrounds. We create a very proud climate."

Mollo said the overall plan for the new year is simple: "Move away from the way we have always done it and step it up to the way other campuses are."

According to Mollo, the school has allocated \$100,000 more to student activities this year, a jump from \$415,000 in the 06-07 school year to \$515,000



Katy Burnell/Bullet

for 07-08. \$315,000 is allocated for club related activities, such as Spirit Week, and \$200,000 for school sponsored functions.

Among the new functions sponsored by Student Activities will be an expanded Late Night, a weekend entertainment program. Mollo said Late Night will be three times larger than in previous years, with various rooms in Great Hall harboring a variety of activities.

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## RA/HR Money Mix-up

By JUSTIN TONEY  
Assistant News Editor

Approximately one fourth of the University's Residence Assistants and Head Residents could not receive paychecks for the pay period between August 6 and 27, forcing the Office of Financial Aid to make institutional loan money available for those in immediate financial need.

Campus Employment Supervisor Angie Pitzer, became aware of the problem last Thursday, Sept. 13, when many of the twenty-one employees who had been denied payment made their situation known to her.

Assistant Director of Residence Life Natalie Ellis noticed the problem on Friday, and investigated options with Pitzer. However, no solution could be enacted until Assistant Dean of Financial Aid Debra Harper returned to campus the following Monday.

When Harper arrived, she and Pitzer decided to make interest-free loans available to the affected students from a University account set aside to assist students with delayed financial aid. "This time, financial aid happens to be student employment instead of a loan or a scholarship," said Harper.

The fund, known as the Mosiman Loan Fund, is not in danger of being over-drawn, says Harper. She is not concerned that the loans to Residence Life employees will cause problems with the fund.

"The situation was decided under the presumption that the students hadn't been paid and needed to be paid," Harper continued. "That was the easiest way and the fastest way to get students their money."

RAs and HRs who did not receive payment can borrow the amount due to them until Oct. 4, when they will receive their first and second payments at once.

Pitzer, who processes student payments, said that she did not receive the necessary paperwork for the first payments until four days after Residence Life employees were supposed to receive their checks—over a week after the deadline for supervisors to turn in the papers.

According to Harper, the Financial Aid office knew that the paperwork was forthcoming.

All of the affected students fall under the jurisdiction of Phil Stamper, Assistant Director of Residence Life and su-

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## New Gen-Eds Ahead

By LAUREN JURGENSEN  
Staff Writer

Starting next fall, incoming freshmen and rising sophomores might no longer have to take physical education, freshman composition, and three of the five current across-the-curriculum requirements in order to graduate.

If a major revision to the schools' general education curriculum gets faculty approval later this semester, the overall number of credits to graduate will be cut from 122 to 120. Officials state that this year's freshmen will have the option of switching over to the new general education requirements next year if they successfully completed a first year seminar during their freshman year.

The first year seminar, which is a small, discussion-based course taken during a student's first or second semester at the university, and a new "experiential learning" requirement are also among the other general education changes proposed by an ad hoc faculty committee.

Across the curriculum course requirements expected to be dropped are environmental awareness, race and gender awareness, and global awareness. Freshman composition

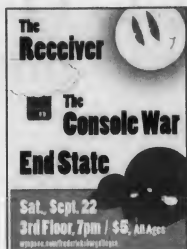
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- New Freshman Seminar
- New Experiential Learning Requirement
- No Physical Ed. Goal
- No English 101 Goal
- 3 Fewer Across the Curriculums

## Weekly Events

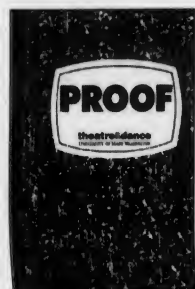
### The Receiver/ The Console War



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Giant Productions and  
Fredericksburg All Ages

3rd Floor Studio  
810 Caroline St.  
7 p.m., \$5

### UMW Theatre and Dance Presents Proof



First show Sept. 27 at 8  
p.m.  
Klein Theater  
\$10 Standard  
\$8 Students/Senior  
Citizens  
\$4 UMW ID

Call (540) 654 1124 for  
more showtimes.

### Studio 115 Auditions



Auditions will be cold  
readings from the  
script.

Thursday Sept. 20, 8  
p.m. at Studio 115, in  
the basement of  
duPont Hall.

Events courtesy of OSACS.  
If you would like your event  
listed, contact *The Bulletin* at  
newsxcrew@gmail.com. Send a  
flyer image if possible.

Want to get  
involved? Come to a  
staff meeting at  
Hyperion this  
Sunday at 8 p.m.



# Police Beat

By Will Capps  
Editor In Chief



Sept. 11- Between midnight and 1 a.m. a 19-year-old female contracted housekeeper was assaulted by her ex-husband in Woodard campus center. He was waiting for her when she arrived. He followed her into the building, hit her on the back with his fists, and then left. A warrant was obtained from the Fredericksburg magistrate for Alejandro Garrido-Garrido, a 24-year-old male with no fixed address.

Sept. 14- A student UMW Theater employee reported that a pleated brown curtain covering audio equipment and a cabinet door was torn off its hinges. All the audio equipment was left. No suspects or witnesses.

Sept. 14- A 20-year-old male Randolph resident had his Wachovia debit card stolen from his duffel bag in the gym.

Wachovia notified him on Sept. 14 that the card had been used to purchase a \$600 Playstation 3. A felony theft investigation is ongoing.

Sept. 16- At 8:47 p.m. a fire alarm sounded at the UMW Apartments building 8. The Fredericksburg Fire Department and eight officers arrived to find a 20-year-old female resident had been cooking tuna steaks with shrimp. The oil caught fire, and when she tried to put it out with water, smoke set off the alarm.

Sept. 16- At 1:40 a.m. a 19-year-old male resident of Arrington was caught drinking. His girlfriend came to his room to check on him, but received no response upon knocking at the door. She asked the R.A. to open the door and they found him intoxicated and lying on the bed. The student refused transport by the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad and was referred to the administration.

Sept. 16- At 3 a.m. an 18-year-old Russell resident was cooking in the basement kitchen. Her bowl slipped and deeply cut her left ring finger. An ambulance transported her to the emergency room at Mary Washington Hospital. Housekeeping was

called to clean up the blood.

Sept. 16- At 6:57 p.m. two female residents of Jefferson were walking along College Avenue near Goolrick when they were passed by two vehicles.

The occupants of the first car yelled something inaudible, but an occupant of the second car, an older blue sedan, leaned out and yelled "Don't go back to the school, we're going to blow it up." The Fredericksburg police were notified and a lookout was issued for Fredericksburg and the surrounding jurisdictions.

## Student Body Brought to Life

By JESS PIKE  
Staff Writer

Mary Washington students have new options for their free time. The Office of Student Activities and Community Services plan new events for the upcoming months it appears that UMW students have new options for their free time.

The first of these programs will be a large-scale late night series held in the Washroom at Woodard Campus Center. During these events students can listen to a major band, watch an up and coming comic, or play an intense organized game while also enjoying the Eagles Nest food.

In addition, in the Washroom, every Friday night, OSACS is sponsoring small performances by local artists. Beginning this Friday, there is going to be a performance by "Me & Jo" an acoustic guitar duo playing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nest.

OSACS has already started working with dining services to have karaoke nights every Thursday. Different student organizations could have the opportunity to serve as hosts and sponsor the event each week. Karaoke nights will most likely take place between 9 p.m. and midnight.

These exciting new programs come as a result of a new OSACS Director, Joe Mollo. Hired June 25 2007, Mollo came to the University of Mary Washington after serving as the director of

campus activities and events at the University of Maine. Mollo had previously known Dean Rucker from their involvement with the National Association for Campus Activities.

"New staff members bring new ideas and we know this year's staff is enthusiastic and dedicated in getting students involved," said Dean Rucker, head of student life.

OSACS employees have big plans for the current year and the future of Mary Washington.

Making use of new spaces and expanding the venue of campus activities is a focus of Mollo and his staff. The downtown Fredericksburg museum marketplace will be used for concerts throughout the year. If plans go through, a Thursday night dusk concert will be held during homecoming week.

"This marketplace venue gives students the opportunity to go downtown and enjoy some good music," said Mollo.

Another would-be venue is the backroom of the Pizza Hut located on 1224 Powhatan St.

Mike Marney has presented UMW with an opportunity to use the newly renovated back room which sits 142 people. Mollo is currently looking into this as another possible site for school programs and events.

The Seacabec Dome is another possible site either for programs or as a place where students can do some late



Beth Wilkins/Bullet

### OSACS-Sponsored Junk Science Concert in Market Square

night studying. Both Mollo and Dr. Chirico, Vice President for Student Affairs, support converting the Seaco dome into a new space for students.

However, "Safety is an issue," warned Dr. Chirico. If made into a twenty four hour study lounge or student activity center, key card systems would have to be put in place.

Another project the new employees at OSACS are working on is, in conjunction with Giant Productions, to purchase the latest sound equipment. Right now, according to Mollo, "Mary Washington spends \$3,000 to rent equipment for drive-in movies." Yet, if this sound equipment were bought it would be portable, available all the time, and offer more flexibility.

Without a doubt there is a change in the air within the office of student activities.

Sean O'Brien, SGA press secretary and ARH treasurer notices the changing atmosphere within the OSACS office and commented, "They are great changes, and Mollo brings much needed energy to the position."

New programs, changes in available venues, possible purchases, along with the traditional programs like homecoming and Rocktoberfest fest are set up to keep everyone busy in the next few weeks. "There sure is a buzz around campus," said Dr. Chirico.

Mollo reminded students to read the weekly OSACS e-mail newsletter and spread the word about upcoming events. In addition, if student organizations have future activities or programs to announce email the information to: osacs@umw.edu and it will appear in the next weekly email newsletter.

## Memory Honored



Ridderhof Martin Gallery

On May 10, 2007, Tom Somma passed away after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service was held in Ridderhof Martin Gallery this past Tuesday.

An endowment was established in his honor to be used for further acquisition of art for the University. Contributions may be sent to:

UMW Foundation  
Attn: Nina Thompson  
1119 Hanover St.  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Checks are to be made out to "Tom Somma" or "In memory of Tom"

Gifts may also be made online at: [www.umw.edu/gift](http://www.umw.edu/gift)

## RAs Paid With Backup Funds

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pervisor of the UMW Apartments, Russell, Marshall, South, and Framar Halls. He confirmed that none of the RAs or HRs in his buildings have yet received their official payments.

Director of Residence Life and Housing, Chris Porter, spoke only briefly about the payments that nearly a quarter of her staff did not receive. "I don't know what happened, but I know it was an issue and it won't happen again."

When asked how she was assured that the problem would not recur, Porter went on to say, "I'm not saying I don't know what happened... It's a personal performance issue, and I'm not comfortable talking about it."

Stamper confirmed that it was his responsibility to ensure that the time sheets were turned in on time, but had been instructed by his superiors not to discuss why this responsibility was not met. He denied that the incident was intentional.

Prior to Pitzer and Harper's decision, Stamper volunteered his own financial aid. "Before I had known the loans existed, I had offered to help personally... anyone who had financial need," he said.

He predicts that the same error will not occur again. "It bothers me," he added. "It does bother me."

Until Stamper made the option of temporary loans known on Monday, multiple RAs and HRs shared with the Bulletin that they had considered resigning from Residence Life. Porter has made it known that no members of

Residence Life except herself may speak to members of the press under penalty of termination.

Multiple anonymous RAs and HRs who have spoken with Stamper claim that he had lost the paperwork and that other assistant directors were aware who and how many would not be paid. The situation was never explained to those it affected until after last Thursday.

As of noon on Tuesday, only one of the students offered the loans has taken advantage of the opportunity. Pitzer said she was surprised at the lack of urgency. "It hasn't impacted my work load," she said. "I thought it would, because I expected more people here."

Harper has spoken with Vice President of Business and Finance Rick Pearce about creating a "special payroll" in case a similar situation occurs again. "That might not mean that students get their money any faster," said Harper. "The difference is that there's less follow-up and paperwork involved than with the Mosiman Fund."

Pearce says it is not uncommon for time sheets not to get in on time, but admits it rarely happens to this degree. He is looking into the possibilities of a special payroll that would enable the University to pay employees through the state, but outside of the normal state pay cycle.

All employees at the University must be paid through the Virginia state cycle. Pearce was unable to say when or if his request to establish a special payroll will be approved by the Virginia Legislature.

# Viewpoints

## Staff Editorial

"The Juice is loose," or it was, until last week.

O.J. Simpson better pray he can resurrect Johnnie Cochran sometime within the next couple months. This time he is behind bars for armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, and kidnapping. If convicted, Simpson could face more than 70 years in prison, according to CNN.com.

This fallen football legend better hope that the Las Vegas police botch their investigation as badly as the LAPD did in 1995, or he may be in serious trouble. At 60, he can't afford to be in jail for 10 years, let alone 70, and any more than a couple months is really going to hurt his golf handicap.

Simpson's trademark arrogance really shows through in this case. What gave him the idea that he could get away with anything more than swearing in public? He above anyone else should know that everyone has already decided he did it, whether or not he actually did.

The saddest part of the case, however, is that if Simpson does go to jail, it will be for something absolutely removed from his most heinous crimes. If, by some weird stroke of luck,

American justice works its magic this time, O.J. won't be any closer to being brought to justice than he is now.

What is worse, the Brown and Goldman families still will not get any closure on their losses. He still won't have to pay the \$33.5 million he owes, and he certainly will not be any more remorseful. He will still maintain that he has never done anything wrong nor is the general assessment of his character fair.

I guess this means that, assuming O.J. walks, we can look forward to the treat of "If I Did It 2: Las Vegas."

Books by felons who narrowly escaped the iron hand of justice are always fun, especially in two completely tasteless volumes. Court TV can also look for its ratings to dramatically increase over the next few months as well, just like they did in 1995. So I guess it's not all bad.

We should be happy though, that O.J. Simpson will finally be put away and shut up. Maybe then we can forget about him while he rots away in a federal hole for what will almost certainly become the rest of his life.

## Remembering 9/11: Why We are Winning the War on Terror

BY LEAH KIEFF  
Guest Columnist

"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September 11.

In the words of President George W. Bush: "We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

Some say we are failing in our war on terror, perhaps because we have yet to capture Osama Bin Laden.

I would say we are winning. We have not been attacked on United States soil since 9/11 and that is not something we could have taken for granted on Sep. 12, 2001.

The reason we have yet to be attacked again is because we have acknowledged that there is a very real threat and we have committed to fighting against this threat wherever it is seen.

The devastation of that day destroyed our illusions that terrorists, claiming to be acting on the will of God, do not seek to destroy us and everything we stand for.

We no longer have the luxury of harbouring doubts that they are simply misunderstood.

The White House, constantly under fire, has most recently come under attack for a series of television advertisements depicting a soldier, who after having lost both legs in an explosion in Iraq, explains why he thinks U.S. forces need to stay in Iraq.

"They attacked us," he proclaims "And they will again. They won't stop in Iraq."

Many criticize the Administration for their hints at a linkage between Iraq and 9/11, citing the 9/11 Commission's report as conclusive evidence for the disassociation between Iraq and

9/11, or even terrorists in general.

We need to look at the larger picture, this is not about whether Al-Qaeda was in Iraq or whether Iraq would have been a breeding ground for Al-Qaeda.

It is about combating those who seek to destroy us where ever they present themselves.

Sadam was a dictator who made his contempt for America and everything we stand for very clear.

Simply because Iraq did not yet, to our knowledge, have its own terrorists ready to attack does not mean that we ought to have waited for them to make the first move.

I hate to resort to a sports analogy when dealing with so serious a topic, but as they say, the best defense is a good offense.

We must continue to show just as united of a front as we did in the months after September 11. Our nation must once again remember that for the second time ever in our history we were attacked on our soil, in a vicious slaughter of civilians.

We have to break their capacity to hurt us and go after those who seek to destroy us.

Leah Kieff is a freshman.



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# Give Respect to Get Respect

BY REBECCA HENDERSON, ISSAC KNOWLES, AND KATIE LAWRENCE

Guest Columnists

The following letter was written in response to "Seizing Maturity (September 13th, 2007, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

Alex Rohde's acerbic column in last week's *Bullet* requires a response from students who, like him, demand the highest quality education from this institution, but who, unlike him, have taken the opportunity to develop close, respectful relationships with some of the best professors this university has to offer.

It is possible to do precisely what Mr. Rohde suggests: take command of our education.

Yet, we have accomplished this not by antagonizing professors or interrupting classes, but by showing (and thereby acquiring) the respect and attention that a predominance of professors at this university deserve.

The thrust of Mr. Rohde's argument is that "we students have a reason and a means to shape our education." We could not agree more with this statement.

We differ strongly, however, with the hostile methods with which Mr. Rohde intends to achieve this goal.

In order to acquire an education, you must seek the guidance of those who are authorities in the fields you wish to explore.

As experts, they are capable not only of empathizing with your skepticism (for they once experienced it as you do), but also of directing you to sources that will aid you in your own search for answers.

Even if they are boring or disorganized as teachers, you will usually find them to be adept scholars,

willing and able to discuss matters as deeply as you would wish during their office hours, in chance meetings on campus, or even just over a cup of coffee.

We also note that while Mr. Rohde is an apparently bright and ambitious member of the class of 2011, he has attended school here for no more than three weeks. His ideas are untempered by the critical appraisal of his peers.

His intellectual mettle remains untested at this institution, and his mind's contents have yet to be judged by the unmerciful courts of the history of thought, which long ago tried, executed, and buried the corpse of any notion of his that he believes is "original." Arrogance abounds in his words. Still, he admonishes us to "question authority."

Wise words; but they lack force when wielded by someone so obviously convinced of his own position. Certainly he does not mean us to question his authority, as evinced by last week's diatribe against the faculty.

First of all, the problems he identifies are systemic – the members of the faculty are not enemies, and indeed they are often allies if he truly wishes to shape his own education.

If it is a straw man he seeks to blame for the problems of the educational system, he should look elsewhere.

Second of all, we would venture to say that scholarship, in which the faculty engages with each other and with their students, is the dynamic and spirited interrogation of authority in an attempt to weed out the unwarranted and the illogical.

In any event, scholarship is not the unsubstantiated indictment of experts in which he engaged last week.

Question your own authority before you question others'. Respect for others, the will to listen to and take advantage of the faculty's knowledge, and some humility before the vastness of what you do not know, are all vital prerequisites for any productive interrogation of authority.

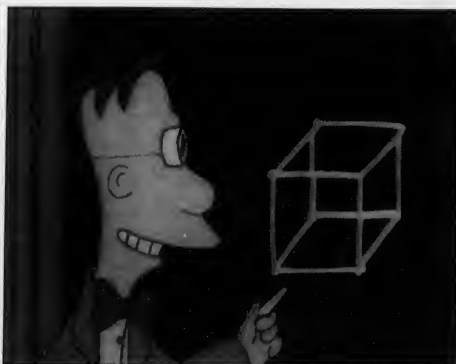


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Rebecca Henderson, Isaac Knowles, and Katie Lawrence are seniors.

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# Entertainment

## Student Embraces Tradition

By ELIZABETH SWAUGER  
Staff Writer

Powwows are a large part of Native American Culture. They are a time to socialize with other Native Americans while simultaneously sharing their culture and heritage with the public. The length of any given Powwow will vary and there will typically be dances, traditional foods, crafts and other festivities.

This Saturday, September 22, the Chickahominy Tribe will be hosting a Powwow in Charles City and it will be open to the public. Raven Custalow, a junior at UMW and member of the Mattaponi Tribe, will be participating in this Powwow, as she has since elementary school.

The Mattaponi, along with the Chickahominy, are two of the eight recognized tribes in Virginia, and both are part of the Powhatan Tribe.

There are many different types of dances at

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- Junior Raven Custalow

are the most highly respected and honored of the dancers. Their dances are not as lively and fast as some of the “fancy dancers,” instead, their movements are more fluid and “breezy.” For more information on Powwow dances, drumming, or etiquette, go to [www.powwows.com](http://www.powwows.com).

Custalow participates in what is called the “Women’s Buckskin Traditional.”

“When I am there and I am dancing, I am doing it for my people, and the pride that I have just takes over. When I am in the circle—I can’t even explain—I am just so proud, and I am not ashamed of my culture. I am just blessed to be a part of it. Even though so much of our culture was taken away, being in the circle and dancing with other natives just makes you feel connected to each other and connected to your past and it makes me feel a part of it.”

Dances are not only the only highlight of Powwows, there is also the fantastic food. The fragrant, nose-tingling aromas of foods and traditional dishes will be monopolizing the air at any given Powwow. The Mattaponi typically serve fry bread, succotash and Indian tacos for starters.

“Personally, I think my mom cooks the best fry bread. It is the best thing in the world. The closest thing I can compare it to is funnel cake. It’s flat and golden-brown and sometimes you put honey, powdered sugar, or cinnamon on top,” Custalow said.

Perhaps one of the greatest parts of the Powwows are simply being out in nature and being able to steal a glimpse into life on the reservation. The reservation revolves around the Mattaponi River, 85 miles of sparkling life flowing across the eastern plains of Virginia. This river has been an integral part of the Native American culture and traditions both currently and throughout their past.

The fact that Powwows still exist today is a near miracle. It takes a strong people to be able to maintain their traditions after four centuries of people trying to assimilate them into “American culture.”

Custalow credits her grandmother and fa-

ther as being two instrumental people who have played a huge role in helping keep the Mattaponi traditions alive. Her grandmother teaches the “old way” to students at the community building. She teaches Native American students how to make buckskin clothing, handmade pottery and instructs them on the Algonquin language. She is “one of the last ones who still remembers the ways of [the] people.”

Custalow’s father was also in a drum group and he helped compose and perform many Indian songs as a way to help preserve their culture. Custalow herself hopes to one day become fluent in the language of her people and teach it to others.

“So much was taken away from us,” she explains, “we were forced to assimilate.”

Right now her tribe is working hard to bring back much of the culture which has been lost over the years.

“Parents are not teaching as much about culture as they once did,” Custalow states. The Powwows are one way that the Mattaponi can showcase their heritage and their Native American pride.



image courtesy of uppermattaponi.org

The Chickahominy Tribe Powwow is in Charles City, Va. Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007. The event is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, go to [www.chickahominytribe.org/powwow/annual\\_powwow.htm](http://www.chickahominytribe.org/powwow/annual_powwow.htm).

## Hanging up the Mic or Hanging in There: Rap Battle Wrap Up

By CHARLOTTA JARBORG  
Staff Writer

This past week, hip-hop lovers and people who just enjoy a good old celebrity beef have been following the record selling competition between 50 Cent and Kanye West closely.

Last week, the *Bullet* filled you in on the upcoming battle and summarized the drama that has been filling up celebrity gossip sites and music sites such as [billboard.com](http://billboard.com) and [mtv.com](http://mtv.com). Now it is time to see what the numbers are and who has actually been coming out on top, so far at least.

Right off the bat, sales have been much higher in favor of Kanye West, which may not be too surprising considering how much more popular his single “Stronger” is compared to 50 Cent’s “Ayo Technology.” When it comes to the world of technology however, the word seems to sound more like “Nayo” rather than “Ayo” for 50.



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The self-proclaimed “Queen of All Media,” Perez Hilton himself said, “Time to hang up your microphone Fiddy!!!!” on his website [www.perezhilton.com](http://www.perezhilton.com).

Hilton reported that music industry insiders have told him and his crew that Kanye West’s latest album “Graduation,” is reaching 700,000 copies sold, whereas 50 Cent’s “Curtis” projections only put him at about 500,000 copies.

Both albums, as we reported last week, dropped on September 11. Perez also included an interesting tidbit that it looks as if country music singer Kenny Chesney’s new album, which was released the same week, will do better than 50 Cent’s latest work. Granted they are two completely different genres and are perhaps not even comparable, yet it still prompted Perez to ask the question “50 Cent coming in third?”

The famous [www.billboard.com](http://www.billboard.com) is another good source for some of the current statistics on how the race is shaping up to look. It looks as if

Perez’s inside sources were right. Kanye West is leading so far with 781,000 copies sold and 50 Cent is coming up behind him with 603,000 copies.

In an interview with *Billboard*, 50 Cent reassures his fans that his time to retire may not yet be upon us. The site reports him saying “[The sales] can’t be considered [any one way] anyway because it’s just a few days out.” The whole *Billboard* article is in fact popping with quotes that sound like a bunch of excuses from 50 Cent’s side.

The article includes parts of an interview 50 Cent had with New York’s Hot 97 radio station where he says that had his new album been released by another rapper it would have done better, because of people’s expectations of what he can do. He thinks his past music raised the bar and there is a standard that either needs to be met or improved upon.

*Billboard* includes a quote from the radio interview where 50 Cent says: “The [fans that aren’t supporting me now] are the same people that supported me in the past. The impression I gave them was so strong that they have different stan-

dards for me. When my music comes out, if it was someone else’s record, it would be a hit because it spun 3,500 times. But they’re looking for the hottest music out at the time from 50 Cent, so if it’s not that, then they show me resistance until I deliver. I’ve only been in the music business for four years and I’m already receiving some backlash. That’s amazing, isn’t it?”

In the last section of the article, they include a few quotes from when 50 Cent visited BET on September 11, where he talked about the difference in exposure between him and Kanye West at the MTV Video Music Awards that aired live September 9.

This time, the blame was put on his record label, Interscope. Kanye West, as some of you may know, represents the Def Jam label. 50’s take on the awards show.

“As far as the VMAs were concerned, Kanye received the upper hand. I ain’t going to front. He had four looks — his song “Stronger,” his new record “Good Life,” he had a performance with Soulja Boy, “Crank Dat,” and then he came out with me. So I feel like Def Jam is doing a better job of promoting the CD than Interscope. Interscope is just relying on my base and the actual music. I was on the VMAs for one minute and 20 seconds. I should’ve just stayed home.”

So what do the fans say, should 50 Cent just stay home in his pimped out crib, dreaming of the golden days four short years ago, or should



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he stay strong and see if he cannot win this thing a la the turtle and the hare?

Here at UMW, the odds do seem to be in Kanye West’s favor. Sophomore Claire Copps, a huge hip-hop fan and member of Giant Productions, says: “I’m sorry, but lately Kanye West’s music is just better. It’s obvious that he’s going to win.”

Has the deadline already been reached? If 50 Cent still has faith in his album, at what point does he need to outsell Kanye to prove his status as a fan favorite? Who knows, the sub-title to Kanye West’s single “Stronger” might just turn out to be “for now.”

# Entertainment



## Fantasy Films, Past and Present

By SERENA EPSTEIN  
Staff Writer

### Stardust (2007)

Sick of the onslaught of new Harry Potter movies? Can't watch Legolas flip his hair even one more time? Do you sometimes find yourself wondering what the world would be like if fantasy characters, instead of wasting wishes on true love, requested acting talent or better screenplays?

In this age of inverse correlation between special effects and depth of plot, it's refreshing to see at least one new movie that sacrifices neither.

Based on the book by wizard author Neil Gaiman, "Stardust" is a fairy tale in the most basic sense, though not at all predictable. And like many great stories, the trouble begins with the fatal combination of a girl and too much alcohol.

Tristan Thorn (played by Charlie Cox) is so smitten with the beautiful Victoria (Sienna Miller) that, during an evening of wine and star-gazing, he vows to obtain a falling star in exchange for her

love.

Leaving home, he crosses the carefully guarded wall between his village and the fairy world. In a rather inconvenient plot development, Tristan discovers that the star he's seeking is actually a girl, Yvaine (Claire Danes).

Our hero, though taken aback, is not easily discouraged and sets out for home with Yvaine in tow. ("Nothing says romance like a kidnapped, injured woman!") On the way they encounter evil witches, princes (both of the living and non-living variety), a unicorn, confused peasants, and one delightfully flamboyant pirate in the form of Robert DeNiro.

While "Stardust" has an occasionally inconsistent pace, a few missing scenes along with some invented ones, and even the occasional unexplained plot gap (challenging for those who haven't read the book), it remains faithful to the basic story and spirit of Gaiman's creation.

Fantasy films aren't taken seriously often enough and are generally relegated to the realm of childhood entertainment, but this film does a wonderful job of avoiding this trend of oversimplification.

Most of all, "Stardust" is driven by its spectacular

cast, which includes Ian McKellen, Michelle Pfeiffer, Peter O'Toole and Rupert Everett. In fact, it seems there are very few good actors who aren't in this movie.

But perhaps the most magical thing about "Stardust" lies not in its actors or plot, but in its unwillingness to conform to standards set by recent predecessors like "Eragon" and "Ella Enchanted." It's funny, thrilling, multi-dimensional and surprising. And after all, who can resist Robert DeNiro in drag?

### Brazil (1985)

What can you say about "Brazil"? This masterpiece about love, escape from reality, and bureaucracy gone horribly wrong has been confusing audiences worldwide since 1985.

Perhaps we should examine its origins with director/writer Terry Gilliam (of Monty Python fame), who spent months struggling with the head of Universal Studios, who wanted the entire film re-cut and given a more marketable ending. Thanks to Gilliam's persistence, however, "Brazil"

in its original, unaltered form will continue to mystify filmgoers for generations to come.

So what exactly is this movie, this paragon of befuddlement? Jonathan Pryce plays Sam Lowry, an office worker living in a nightmarish world of inefficient technology, miscommunication, paranoia, government conspiracies, and ducts. Lots of ducts.

In a dazzling juxtaposition of fantasy and reality, his dreams seem to provide the only outlet for escape. Yes, there's a girl. Yes, Robert DeNiro and Michael Palin also star in this film.

And yes, one of "Brazil's" IMDB plot keywords is "Breakfast Machine." If you're not intrigued yet, consider this: you don't even need to fill out a 27B/6. What more could you ask for?

Look for more double reviews  
by Serena Epstein in future  
issues.

## Top 5 Best New Fall Shows

By STEPHANIE BREIJO  
Staff Writer

Now that we're back at school and have the usual unfortunate workload piling up on us, we are all just about ready to settle back into the age-old procrastination of watching T.V. Luckily for you and every other homework-suffering student, this fall has a great lineup of spankin' new school distractions.

ing fall lineup of cop shows, and you've got "Pushing Daisies," a show about a man who brings corpses back to life to learn about their killers and collect the bounty.

Speaking from Comic-Con experience - yes, I'm aware of what I just admitted - this pilot is incredible. It's funny, mildly morbid, smart and even a little bit sexy. When you're bored to tears on Wednesdays or maybe have a Wasted Wednesday party to get to, give this creative and innovative newbie some of your mid-week time.

meets "Mallrats." It follows a slacker and his token chubby hilarious friends as our directionless protagonist learns his parents sold his soul to Satan before he was even born. What does one do in that situation? Why, become the Devil's bounty hunter, of course!

You feel bad about your crappy job at an appliance store? Imagine how much worse your life could be...in fact, you don't even need to imagine it - just watch the show and get the well-earned laughs from it.

### 5. "Back to You" - Fox

This show, above everything else, is all about the Kelsey Grammer. Whether you love the actor or you hate him, the once-Dr. Frasier is back as a middle-aged news anchor. Fact: this show could mean the death or rebirth of the scripted, multi-camera, live-audience sitcom.

While it seems like a toned-down "Anchor-man," and believe me, it's WAY toned-down, it looks like it'll have its moments among the adolescent-humor-based fall shows.

### 1. "Pushing Daisies" - ABC

Imagine a dark and witty comedy a la "Six Feet Under" and "Dead Like Me." Now imagine colorful and amazing cinematography amidst an oppos-

### 2. "Reaper" - CW

No, I don't have an obsession with death on television, thank you very much. This show is dark and just plain hilarious. It occupies the No. 2 spot because, well, think of it this way: Kevin Smith is backing it and it shows. Think "Ghostbusters"

### 3. "Chuck" - NBC

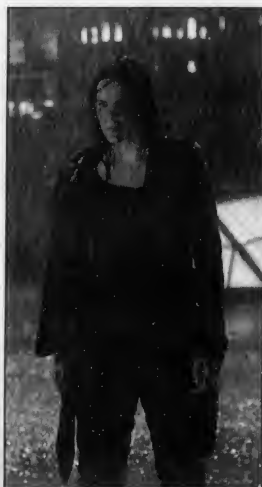
Have you ever wondered what your life would be like as an unintentionally recruited super-spy? I can say that after being raised on "North by Northwest," the answer for me is a definite YES. I know there are others like me out there. You know who you are. It'd be cool, admit it. Well if you can fully embrace your inner CIA agent, this is the show for you.

It seems to be the summer of slacker sitcoms between "Reaper" and "Chuck," but while "Reaper" has a taste of the supernatural, "Chuck" has a taste of treachery and danger. It's a good mix with a quirky cast and it seems like it will hold its own this fall with an electronics salesman as the nerdy James Bond-like figure for a younger crowd.

### 4. "Bionic Woman" - NBC

Lean more toward the sci-fi and action prime-time slot-fillers? Then look no further because "Bionic Woman," the updated version of "The Six Million Dollar Man," is here to distract you from last-minute Wednesday night homework.

One of those introspective shows with an I-Don't-Want-This-Responsibility-or-These-Robotic-Parts-Deal-With-It plotline, "Bionic Woman" is a fast-paced show built on technology and right vs. wrong. Our hot British, college-dropout protagonist finds that her life changes after a car crash. She wakes up with a new arm, eye and God knows what else. Lesson here? Drop out of college, become bionic. Simple as that.



Michelle Ryan as Jamie Sommers, the new Bionic Woman.

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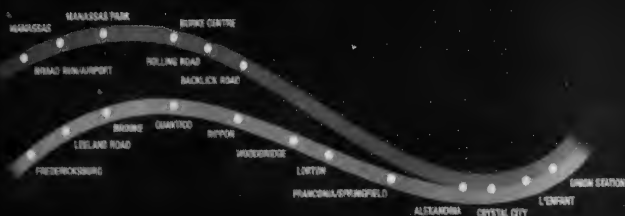
# THE ANGRY BARISTA

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# Features

## These Shoes Rule

### UMW Students Will Not Chuck Their Chucks

By KEVIN KENDALL  
Guest Writer

The best-selling shoe of all time was popularized by an American hall-of-fame basketball player—and his name isn't Michael Jordan.

Instead, it was a player who retired half a decade ago, Charles "Chuck" Taylor, who is credited with turning Converse All-Star shoes into an iconic brand of footwear. Taylor, an All-Star forward, won over 700 games playing for the New York Celtics.

Years after Taylor's retirement, people are still sporting the popular shoes.

University of Mary Washington junior Allison Crierie owns multiple pairs. She trades her current pair of green Converse "Chuck Taylor" All-Stars for a worn gray pair.

"I swear these used to be navy blue or something," said Crierie.

The widely worn Converse "Chuck Taylor" All-Stars have been in existence since the early 1900s. The shoes gained notoriety in the 1920s, when America saw industrial league basketball player Taylor wear his shoe of choice to every single game.

"The league disbanded in 1929, but not before Taylor joined the Converse shoe company to travel across the country advertising the shoes. Converse soon

placed his name on the ankle patch of the shoes, and by the early 1940s almost every team in the country sported the logo.

70 years later, the shoes continue to sell as well as they did in Taylor's time. Through 2006, over 750 million pairs have been sold worldwide, and, according to Converse, 60% of all Americans have owned a pair of Chuck Taylor's at some point within their lives.

Crierie couldn't own just one pair of the sporty shoes.

"I actually have three pairs," said Crierie. "They're cool because they're old-school, and they're pretty much usable at any time."

*They're cool because they're old-school.*

— Allison Crierie

There aren't a whole lot of things you can't do while wearing Chucks."

Crierie even got her sister, Nicole, involved in the Chuck Taylor phenomenon.

"Allison got me into them about six months ago and now I can't stand wearing anything else," says Senior Nicole Crierie. "They're really just simple, 'chill' shoes."

The All-Star shoe is commonly identified by the ankle patch, which features a large star on it. They typically have a beige rubber bottom and toe guard, with canvas sides and tongue.

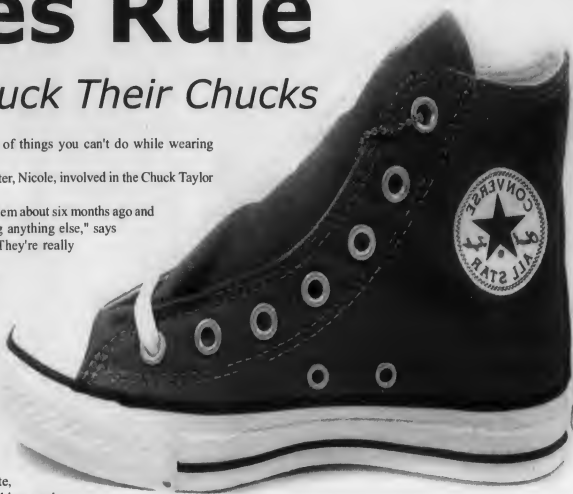
When originally released, Chuck Taylor's featured only six colors: white, optical white,

red, black, navy blue, and monochrome black canvas material. They also only came in the high-top style. Today, there are hundreds of possible color combinations, with several different styles and lacing options.

"I prefer the unlaced low-tops. You can just slip them on and off, like flip-flops," said Nicole.

Converse decided to create more customization options about six years ago in order to boost their business. The company almost folded in 1999 after declaring bankruptcy. After owning over 80% of the shoe business, their sales dwindled due to the death of Chuck Taylor in 1969 and a surge in competing shoe companies like Nike, Reebok, Adidas, and New Balance.

In 2001, Nike bought out the company and decided to resurrect the business. Staying true to the original style, Nike added more customization options for customers. These options were showcased on the company's website, [www.converse.com](http://www.converse.com).



Online shoppers can choose everything from the size, cut, and color of their shoe. Today, over 30,000 pairs are sold each week worldwide.

UMW graduate Kenny Allwine bought his first pair of Chuck Taylor shoes from the online website.

"It's pretty cool," he says. "There's like a million color combinations and styles, and I can never decide which pair I want. I really wish they had thought of this sooner."

However, older generations of Chuck Taylor-wearers might hope that we don't forget about the original styles. Stafford resident Earl Davis, 44, recalls his experience with the shoes and their impact on his life.

"I'll never forget: I wore a pair of navy blue Chuck Taylor All-Stars to my high school senior prom," Davis said. "They were a hit. Everyone loved them then."

Some things never change.

## UMW Alum Promotes Peace Corps

By ANNIE KINNIBURGH  
Staff Writer

When UMW alumnus Stephanie Van Hook attended her first funeral in the African nation of Benin, she expected all the traditional trappings: solemn music, black clothing, and bereaved family. Instead, she found that in Africa funerals are a celebration of life.

"People come for the food and alcohol. It's a party to commemorate the life of the person who died," she said. "There's dancing and music, and the whole village comes out. It took some getting used to."

Life in Benin represented a whole different world from the one Van Hook left when she graduated from the University of Mary Washington in 2004. Similar to many college graduates, she was still unsure about career options, despite a double major in philosophy and French literature.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," she said. "But I knew I wasn't interested in searching for a job for money...I was more interested in searching for meaning and knowledge."

This search eventually led her to the Peace Corps, through which she spent two years working in Benin. Van Hook returned to UMW on Sept. 10 to share her changed opinions on poverty, gender and life in a lecture sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion.

To her former academic advisor Craig Vasey, her experiences were no surprise.

"Stephanie was always interested in women's studies, women's issues...really in justice in general," Vasey, chair of CPR department, said.

Van Hook's unlikely road to the Peace Corps began after graduation, when she traveled to Paris, using her French literature degree in the formerly-bohemian and now primarily-Muslim neighborhood of Montmartre. Her stay was brief but educational.

"It gave me a different perspective on the hardships experienced by a culture that is in the minority," she said.

Van Hook's interest in the Peace Corps piqued when she worked with returned Peace Corps volun-

teers at an exhibit in a local library in San Francisco. She embraced her assignment to Benin as an opportunity to effect immediate change.

"Other countries have presences in Africa but stay in the cities and don't know where their money is being spent," she said. "In the Peace Corps, we live in the villages with the people. It allows us to ask ourselves, 'How do you really solve the problems these people are experiencing?'"

Working in a relatively stable and peaceful nation like Benin meant that Van Hook could focus on issues like gender equality and education, instead of the AIDS epidemic and civil wars that exist in other parts of southern Africa. Benin, bordered by Togo, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso, is a democratic republic, with a peaceful coexistence between the three major religions: Christianity, Islam, and the native Animism.

After three months of intensive cross-cultural training, health education and language lessons, the Peace Corps assigns volunteers to their respective villages, where they will spend the remainder of their two years working on projects to help the local people. Van Hook, one of 100 volunteers in Benin, lived 15 kilometers from the closest volunteer.

"I didn't go to Benin to create ties with Americans—I went to help people."

In her first project in Benin, Van Hook taught 1st, 2nd and 3rd year English to a class of 50-60 students, mostly boys. The gender divide in her classroom alerted her to the unequal treatment of girls in Benin and led her to emphasize women's rights in her work.

After speaking with local women, Van Hook then began teaching math and French to local orphaned girls who would otherwise miss an education entirely.

For Van Hook, being a white, foreign woman was both a disadvantage and an opportunity to change local customs.

"I tried to use my classroom to talk about issues that were taboo in the culture, and to help local girls. But there were still many misconceptions about me being there," she said. "If I wasn't there for money, I was there to flirt."

However, despite biking alone between villages and a three-month period of living in an unlocked house, Van Hook discovered that her foreign status gave her an advantage.

"Safety was the first thing I thought about. I was probably the safest person in the village because I was a foreigner."

Her unusual status led to unique experiences, including invita-

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UMW alumnus Stephanie Van Hook displays a quilt depicting life in the African village of Benin, where she taught children through the Peace Corps.

## Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



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# Exchange Student Fights For Women's Rights

By STEPHANIE BREIJO  
Staff Writer

Some college students have simple goals: getting to the next level of a videogame, skipping class to catch up on sleep, or simply finishing their homework at least once this semester. UMW freshman Nilab Sadat has loftier ambitions. She wants to change the world.

Sadat, a 22-year-old exchange student from Afghanistan, plans to do so through a non-profit organization called the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women (IEAW).

Sadat, who moved from Pakistan to Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban regime, has spent much of her time working constantly to support her family. Hoping to make a better life for herself, Sadat decided to attend college in the United States.

"If I studied in Afghanistan, I would not have access to the Internet and I would have a lot of difficulties," Sadat said. "Here, I can go outside under a tree and take my book and study. In Afghanistan I cannot do that. If I did, I would be renounced by thousands of people."

Through her work in Afghanistan with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Sadat heard about IEAW. After a lengthy application and interview process, she was given what she says was the greatest educational opportunity of her life.

"It was in March that I received the acceptance letter from the organization and the University of Mary Washington and that was the best moment and feeling for me so far," Sadat said. "But at first I thought the university's name was Mary and it was located in Washington. Then I was confused so I looked it up and saw it was located in Fredericksburg — even if I couldn't pronounce Fredericksburg correctly — I was really so excited about it."

Although Sadat was anxious to begin her studies, she immediately became comfortable in her classes.

"My first weekend at the university, I found it so different," Sadat said. "I was really afraid of everything, but in one week I got so much confidence because I met a lot of friendly people."

Though Sadat is currently undecided on her major, she has already developed an appreciation for the high level of teacher-student interaction at UMW.

"[The professors] give time to students, which in my school time, I did not have. If you were talking a lot and asking a lot of questions, it was thought you were not a polite student," Sadat said. "The first days here I was not asking questions, I was not talking at all but I saw that people were doing it differently so I started doing it too. I'm glad I did."

Even in the States, however, Sadat is still reminded of the home she left behind.

"When I read these history books about western civilization, when I read that women 100 years ago were not supposed to



Courtesy of Nilab Sadat

UMW freshman exchange student Nilab Sadat and her roommate, Zahra Noor, also a student at UMW, on campus.

participate in public and there were so many things they were not supposed to do, I think that it's not new for me because I have lived in that society today," Sadat said. "This is not history for me — it's something I read about that describes my own country. Unlike other countries, instead of going forward, it went backward."

The current state of Afghanistan serves as an inspiration to Sadat, who, like other IEAW students, hopes to serve as a positive influence to those in her home country.

"As a woman to be educated, working in any position, I would want to free other women," Sadat said. "You can assemble and train

other women. In a male-dominated society, you can show that women can do something and I really want to show that to everyone to change the woman's right."

Sadat is aware of the difficulties that she will face when it comes time for her to leave Fredericksburg after graduation.

"The way I'm used to seeing things here, it will be a big challenge for me to go back to my country," Sadat said. "But this is the aim — this is the aim of the program, the aim of my coming here and I shouldn't be shocked for it. I have to work hard and I have to be patient because we are the ones who will make changes."

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## Alumnus Speaks About Teaching African Children

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tions to weddings and funerals in the local tradition and a night spent with a nearby nomadic tribe.

Van Hook refused to isolate herself, rather, she used the opportunity to explore aspects of an unknown culture. She practiced Islam during her stay, praying at the local mosque and often dressed in traditional African garb.

"I came to Benin a vegetarian who hated spicy foods," she said. "But in Benin it's important to get the nutrients you can out of the foods you eat. Now I eat spicy goat meat and love it."

Now that she has returned from Benin, Van Hook appreciates everyday freedoms much more.

"The hardest thing was being humbled in terms of my gender," she said. "We take so much for granted here."

Her visit left an audience of UMW students and teachers appreciative of the world outside academics.

"I found Van Hook's presentation to be poignant and inspiring," said junior C.D. Dameron. "It's too easy to get caught up in our own little worlds without seeing them in contrast to the bigger picture. Her depiction of gender in Africa also made me reevaluate my own privileged role in society."

Inspired by her time in Benin, Van Hook will be studying Conflict Resolution at Portland State in Oregon.

## THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...

By KAY BOATNER  
Assistant Features Editor

### Slow Ride

Procrastination is bad, kids. It can keep you from going places...literally. I should know. I'm 21 years old and I just got my driver's license this past summer.

Why did I wait five years to get my license, you ask? Pure laziness.

For years, I begged for rides from family and friends alike. Being constantly chauffeured around by others wasn't bad, I'm not going to lie; I got a lot of shut-eye on the early morning rides to school, back when classes started at the ungodly hour of 7 a.m. But being dropped off by my mom in front of a crowd full of high-school seniors at the midnight showing of *Pirates of the Caribbean*? Downright embarrassing.

Plenty of people, my mother included, pestered me to get my license, but I failed to summon up the energy to apply for one.

Finally, when I was 17, I managed to drag myself downtown to get my permit. I could have gone to the DMV a few short months later and taken my road skills test and officially joined the world of road rage.

Of course I could not do that, though. I did my fellow procrastinators proud by allowing my permit to expire after three years. Yes, my

permit expired when I was 20. Yes, I got it renewed and waited yet another full year before finally taking the driving test.

This past June, secure in my knowledge of all things road related, I had my mom drive me for what was hopefully the last time to a DMV far enough away from home to avoid the awkwardness that would be sure to accompany any run-ins with former friends or classmates.

Mark, a nervous-looking middle-aged man, administered my test. We got into my father's Honda Civic, took a lap around the block and parked in the exact spot we had just pulled out of five minutes earlier. I passed.

It took me five years to take a five minute test. Now that's an accomplishment.





# News

## Frawley in Fairfax Fri.

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Frawley did not comment during the four-minute hearing. His attorney, Philip Sasser, entered an Alford plea on Frawley's behalf.

According to Sharp, an Alford plea differs slightly from a guilty plea.

"[Frawley] was saying that the evidence against him was sufficient to convict him," Sharp said. "It's as close as you can come to pleading guilty without actually pleading guilty."

Sharp said that even though Frawley's Fairfax County accident occurred one day before his arrest in Fredericksburg, Frawley could be tried as a repeat offender tomorrow.

"He is eligible," Sharp said.

When asked whether Tuesday's conviction would likely impact the Fairfax trial, Sharp said it was possible, but not likely.

"It could come into play," Sharp said. "Most likely it will not. Based on my understanding [the prosecutor] won't seek to try this as a second offense."

Sharp declined to comment further, saying only that there were "complicating factors" in the prosecution's case. Defense attorney Paul Greenspun, who will represent Frawley in court on Friday, did not return calls seeking comment.

Frawley's Fairfax County charge stems from an April 10 single-vehicle accident. Frawley told Fairfax police that he flipped a brand-new UMW-owned Toyota Avalon while driving home from a conference at his son's school.

Same-day testing performed at Inova-Fairfax hospital revealed Frawley's blood alcohol content was .21 percent, or 2.5 times the legal limit, according to several media reports.

Of the nine bottles police recovered from Frawley's Avalon, two were tested and found to contain alcohol concentrations of 2.7 percent and 12.4 percent.

Frawley left the hospital against doctor's orders early in the morning on April 11 and drove to Fredericksburg. Later that day a driver alerted the Fredericksburg police department when she saw a car with three wheels veering into oncoming traffic on the Chatham Bridge.

Fredericksburg police apprehended Frawley a few minutes later driving without a right front tire

outside of his Brompton home. The arresting officer's report indicated that Frawley was severely impaired and bleeding from a head wound at the time of his arrest.

Two University employees who spoke with Frawley earlier that morning were subpoenaed by the prosecution to testify at Tuesday's hearing, but neither of them showed up.

Frawley's former secretary, Amy Anderson, who still works in the President's office, said that Sharp informed her on Monday that a plea had been arranged and she would not need to testify.

Commonwealth's Attorney Charles Sharp said that Frawley's behavior on April 11 can be attributed to the six bottles of Vick's cough syrup he consumed after leaving Fairfax-Inova hospital.

Speaking to reporters outside of the District courthouse on Tuesday, Sharp said that he could not speak to whether or not Frawley suffers from a substance-abuse problem.

"I wish I knew," Sharp said.

Sharp did say that Frawley's medical records, which were sealed during Tuesday's proceedings, did little to explain the heart condition blamed for the ousted President's behavior in the wake of his arrests.

The only University employees present at Tuesday's hearing were Teresa Mannix and Neva Trenis of the University Relations and Publications department and Vice President for Enrollment and Communications, Marty Wilder. There were no students or faculty members in attendance.

Frawley spent the minutes leading up to his hearing alone, seated in the second row scribbling notes onto a legal pad. He was not accompanied by friends or family members.

Acting President Rick Hurley, who assumed Frawley's duties after the Board of Visitors terminated him "for cause" at the end of April, said he



Defense Atty. Philip Sasser ushers former Pres. Frawley into Fredericksburg District Court. Courtesy of the Free Lance-Star

was eating lunch at the Eagle's Nest with Student Government President Krishna Sinha when Wilder called from the courthouse to tell him the verdict. "I'd almost forgotten what day it was," Hurley said.

SGA President Krishna Sinha's observations about students' opinions reflect Hurley's sentiments.

"I don't think students were even aware that [the trial] was going on," Sinha said. "I mean, he doesn't work here anymore. People are done with it. There's not really anything more to say."

Hurley said he chose not to attend the trial because he had "more important things to do."

The Rector of the Board of Visitors, Bill Poole, said that the University would not make a statement regarding the outcome of Frawley's court hearings.

Poole said that he did not feel it would be appropriate for him to comment on the case.

"That's his personal business," Poole said. "We resolved our issue with him when we made our decision in April."

Hurley also declined to comment on the outcome of the case.

"My heart goes out to him and his family," Hurley said. "That's my official statement, and my personal reaction."

## UMW Says Hello, Mollo

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ities. Mollo wants to give it a "cruise ship mentality" by not confining the Late Night experience to just one room.

The school also plans weekly karaoke nights, a return of its formerly notorious Halloween party, and a dance marathon, which will include sponsorship from a local radio station.

Kiama Anthony, the president of the Black Student Association, said she is happy with what she's seen of the new student activities office.

"I think the changes were for the good," she said. "I'm pleased with them so far. [They are] more clearly focused and more willing to meet organizations half way."

## Changes Proposed to Old Curriculum

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will also be removed.

The ad hoc committee has proposed retaining the writing intensive, speaking intensive and foreign language requirements in their present forms. All remaining general education requirements are modest variations on the current ones, with the biggest differences being that physical education courses are no longer required, and that only one of the two required science courses will have to have a lab.

Committee co-chair, Carter Hudgins said, "It creates, from the student point-of-view, greater flexibility in the general education choices. It would give students a further range of choice." Hudgins is chair of the Department of History and American Studies.

"The changes also encourage more interdisciplinary thinking and cooperation, so that students make more connections between disciplines," he said. "And, from a practical point of view, the requirements are more efficient for students to accomplish."

Student leaders say they support the changes. Kate LeBoeuf and Amanda McCuskey, chair and vice-chair of the student Academic Affairs Council, have already gathered over one hundred student signatures on a petition in support of the general education revisions.

"I support the change because I believe that the changes will permit students more flexibility and choice when designing their schedules because it creates room for new courses not yet offered at Mary Washington," said LeBoeuf. "I also believe that because the requirements are interdisciplinary, students will have the freedom to focus their general education studies in a way that complements their major, thus providing more depth to their education."

However, the proposal that students are hearing about now may become something partially or entirely different several months into the future. It still needs to go through a series of faculty votes before it can take effect next year.

Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, and member of the ad hoc committee, John Morello said, "All along the way, specific features of the current proposal might be changed or amended."

Nevertheless, members of the committee said

that the proposal is making rapid advancement.

"The progress on this proposal has been remarkable to this point," said Morello. "The last time Mary Washington changed general education, in the 90s, two committees first tried and a failed to get new requirements adopted. A third committee got a proposal passed after a year and half – they began work in May of 1993, and the plan was adopted in October 1994. Then it took three more years before that plan went into effect, in the fall of 1997."

The proposed curriculum change has been a work in progress since last October, and will still have to be acted on by the faculty Curriculum and Academic Affairs committees in October before it can pass to the Faculty Senate in November, where, if again passed, will continue to a final vote by the general faculty later that month.

Overall, there are ten components to the proposed general education revisions. In addition to the first year seminar, the experiential learning requirement, and the newly refigured science requirement, a student will also need to take four writing intensive courses, two speaking intensive courses, two courses that focus in quantitative reasoning, two courses from two different disciplines relating to human behavior and society, one course that fulfills an understanding of global interconnections, and two courses in art, literature or performance.

Dr. Hudgins said he was excited about the new experiential learning requirement. "We think [it] will create a vehicle for students to do more hands-on things," he said. "The intention there is to get students learning – actively learning, or experientially learning as the proposal says, and to apply what they know early on."

Current independent or guided research courses would fulfill the new experiential learning requirement. A new course, coded as 499E Internship, requires a final internship with a paper or project to be evaluated by the sponsoring faculty member. The course would count toward the requirement.

General education at the College of William and Mary and Virginia Tech require only seven components, and these components do not include any equivalents or similarities to the proposed freshman seminar or experiential learning requirements.

### SUMMER SCHOOL 2008

#### "EUROPEAN CAPITALS"

#### LONDON, PARIS, VIENNA, PRAGUE and BERLIN

For the sixteenth time, the Department of History/American Studies and the Department of Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for twenty-six days during the first term of summer school in 2008. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Vienna, Prague and Berlin. The six course credits are approved for the major programs in History, Political Science, and International Affairs, but students can also use them as elective credit.

**THE TRIP** - Leaving from Dulles International Airport in Washington on May 13, the group will fly to London for a five-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Vienna, three days in Prague, and five days in Berlin. There will be four days for travel between London and Paris (by train via the Channel under the English Channel), Paris and Vienna (by train through Munich and the Alps), Vienna and Prague (by bus) and Prague and Berlin (also by bus). The group will return to Washington from Berlin on June 7.

**THE COURSE** - This is a unique course for University of Mary Washington students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the Fredericksburg campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from texts that contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the five capital cities have made to European history. Students will also have the opportunity to attend an artistic performance in several of the cities and assess the artistic contributions of the societies with visits to major museums.

**THE FACULTY** - An interdisciplinary faculty teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

**ELIGIBILITY** - "European Capitals" is open to all University of Mary Washington students, no matter their major, who are interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

**COSTS** - Excluding the tuition for a six-credit course, the cost per student will be \$5,250. This fee includes all costs for airfare, lodging and breakfasts, one-day excursions, and most costs for intra-city transportation and admission to museums and cultural sites.

**QUESTIONS?** - For further details, attend the Study Abroad Fair September 28 in the Great Hall or our information meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Wednesday, September 26. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer (at extensions 1588 or 1495 respectively). The deadline for participation is October 5.

# Viewpoints

## Sexclamations

By Kelsey Clark, Staff Writer

For women, everything is in predictable cycles.



Our inescapable, unpleasant monthly ride on the crimson wave is proof that we are driven by predetermined patterns beyond our control.

We can't help the things our raging, hormonal bodies make us

do—but we can use those raging hormones as an excuse for almost any erratic behavior.

What I'm getting at has nothing to do with fertility, bleeding, or crying for hours after watching "The Notebook." My point is that women frequently do ridiculous things that are simply out of their control.

It's not only hormones that drive these strange cycles. Weather, which comes in cycles too, also plays a role in our emotional roller-coaster rides.

Spring brings flowers in bloom, the birds and the bees, and temperatures just warm enough to compel everyone take their clothes off.

Not to mention Spring Break—I don't think there's any need to elaborate on the "Girls Gone Wild" misadventures that are practically perfunctory during this week, regardless of weather. The word "spring" alone is enough to awaken the sexual side of every Cancun-bound co-ed.

Once spring has you all warmed up and curious, it's time to enjoy summer flings and hot, steamy nights on the beach—or whatever it is you're supposed to be doing with your summer flings. I personally prefer air-conditioning and a sand-free bikini.

Steady relationships tend to fall apart or at least go on hiatus during the summer, so everyone is free to fling about with every hunky life-guard they encounter.

But alas, there's only so much sand-frolicking you can do in one summer, and eventually things start to cool down, literally and figuratively.

Just like cold weather means time to put away those white pants and sundresses—another one of those female cycles, it also means time to settle in for the winter. Bears look for caves to hibernate in; women look for someone to settle down with.

It's not just that the holidays can be rough when you're single. I learned my lesson the hard way that when all the relatives gather for Thanksgiving/Christmas/Hanukkah/what have you, and they ask if I've got a special someone, answering "no" equals disappointment for all involved.

Not to mention the bitter loneliness of going through New Year's Eve or, worse, Valentine's Day, alone.

There's something in the crisp fall air that silently signals women to find a mate. Ladies—if you haven't felt this impulse yet, trust me, you will soon.

I realize autumn may seem like a long way off, but as soon as you accidentally leave a window open overnight and the temperature in your bedroom drops below 60 degrees, you will wake up weeping with the heartache of solitude and immediately begin searching for someone to keep you warm at night.

For those of you that know what I'm talking about, dry your eyes and try to make it a few more weeks without begging your male housemates to spoon you to sleep. If only someone had given me that advice last week. Desperation is not flattering on anyone.

If your instinctive mate-hunting is unsuccessful and it starts to feel like you'll spend the winter cold and alone, remember this—Spring Break is only six short months away! Woo-hoo!

## Susannigans

### Baby's First Anti-War Rally

By Susannah Clark, Viewpoints Editor

"Have fun girties!" chirped my ex-hippie mother as she dropped me and three friends off 100 feet in front of Capital Hill this past Saturday afternoon.

As Mommy drove away in her Volvo station-wagon, the four of us merged into a sea of tie-dyed co-eds and stoned senior citizens. It was our first anti-war march. We were sticking it to the man. And we were making Mom and Dad proud.

I am just one of the many children of the flower children—the baby-boomer's babies.

Though both my parents have abandoned most of the overt hippie ways of their youth and have adapted a classy life of suburban sophistication, their peace-nik hearts still beat strong.

Sticking to their 1960's roots, my parents raised me in a household of free-thought and Beatles LPs. Joni Mitchell was my baby-sitter, Bob Dylan—my Sunday school teacher, and Bruce Springsteen—my boss.

My parents manage to promote all this individuality while at the same time fitting the mold of an everyday "helicopter parent"—hovering over every single aspect of my life, from choir concerts to potential graduate school candidates.

I write this column with full knowledge that my father will forward it to his entire address book, and I really can't complain. I get a perfect balance of proud and caring parents who let me think for myself. Plus, I don't have a curfew.

The anti-war rally proved to be a haven of impassioned chants and unyielding de-

fiance.

Despite the expected off-topic picket signs calling for the legalization of marijuana and national conversion to Veganism, the masses were bonded together over the same disdain for the current Administration and desperation for peace.

People were getting arrested like lemmings for disrespecting police officers and jumping over boundaries.

Each handcuffed protester was greeted with chants of "Let him go!" from the crowd. A few extremists went as far as to call the arrested hippies "American heroes."

I wonder what the Iraqi veterans present at the march thought of that.

I have to admit, there was a teeny part of me that wanted to follow the crowd and jump over the fence to a destiny of disposable handcuffs and 15 seconds of fame. Even though I ended up chickening out, the strongest source of my temptation came from the fact that I had full confidence that my parents would immediately bail me out—and proudly.

The night after the peace rally, the same Volvo station wagon pulled up to Washington DC's 930 Club, an all-ages venue located in a 21 or older neighborhood.

The girls and I were going to a Hanson concert.

As Mommy pulled away into the chilly DC night, I couldn't help but wonder why I was so excited to see the most clichéd teeny-bopper band of the 90's when I had just spent the day before fighting for justice and human rights.

The answer was blowin' in the wind: "Have fun girties!"



# Optimistic Virginian Democrats are Sadly Mistaken

BY BRIAN COONEY  
Guest Columnist

The following letter was written in response to both "Precious Moderate Steps Down" (September 6th, 2007, *The Bulletin*) and "Richmond Due for a Change" (September 13th, 2007, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

In just two issues of this year's paper, James Martin has subjected this University to inaccuracy and dishonesty in his two opinion pieces.

While the author is entitled to his opinion, what he has said is extremely offensive and blatantly wrong.

I have been personally insulted as it has been implied or stated that I, because of my beliefs, am a "religious reactionary extremists," an intolerant homophobe, and let us not forget a racist who seemingly sought out Klu Klux Klan support.

In his most recent article, Martin has assumed ignorance is prevalent on this campus. Playing by page one of the Democratic playbook—frankly any campaign's strategy, regardless of affiliation, Martin resorted to slander when the truth would not benefit the Democratic cause in November's election.

Apparently, at least in Mr. Martin's view, mud matters more than issues this November.

While attacking disgraced Republicans, Martin conveniently forgot to mention that his fellow Democrats have a tendency to pick fights with airport security, hide \$90,000 in their freezers—corruption amounting to a possible 235 years in jail, and best of all carry concealed firearms with them to work.

Despite that, I fail to see how poor individual judgment by national politicians will affect local races in a state that cares more about issues.

Both sides make mistakes, but at least Republicans resign when they do wrong.

Now let us focus on Virginia.

While Martin was slandering General Assembly Republicans with his NOVA-centric blogosphere rhetoric, he missed the truly front page news, an article detailing Gov. Kaine's (D) 7.5% budget

cut to our university; a cut coming after our tuition was already raised.

Oh, those tricky abuser fees: yes, they were passed by a Republican majority in Richmond, but the truth Martin left out intentionally is that the very provision that the fees only apply to in-state drivers is the responsibility of Gov. Kaine, not the GOP led legislators.

I also believe that the \$65 million dollars in revenue that re-

peating reckless and drunk drivers will be adding to the state is a significant boost. That \$65 million may not seem like much, but it will help improve our roads. I can think of more than a few ways to spend it, perhaps funding the state's public universities?

Obviously in pol-

itics there are diverging views, but consider for a moment that there are also options with any issue.

Now if Martin is right, there will be sweeping change and Virginia will become blue. That certainly is a stretch.

Every Republican politician I have worked with this year is a good and honest person; I have knocked doors with them, met neighbors with them, shared meals with them. I go to church with them. They are great Americans and they possess strong beliefs, convictions, and values that they share with the majority of people in this state.

Is it gay bashing when the majority of Virginians voted to amend the constitution? This is democracy, whether you like it or not.

UMW, take with a grain of salt what you read. I will stay above the fray and the name calling as best I can.

James Martin claims that because I am a Republican I hate gays, welcome the Klan, and belong to a party built on ethnic lines, those who know me know it is not true.

Dr. Framar would differ with Martin's assessment of Republicans, he was one. I think Abe Lincoln would differ as well. I think George W. Bush, who has the most ethnically diverse cabinet in his-

“ Both sides make mistakes, but at least Republicans can resign when they do wrong.”



photo courtesy of watchingamerica.com

tory, would differ too.

When I look to the Democrats I see Americans that I might disagree with, but hope that I can work with to move forward to an even better life. I think of the inspiration of John F. Kennedy and not the hate of George Wallace.

The Democratic Party won a politically significant election last year, but they have failed in Washington and may very well lose steam in Virginia. Congress has a lower approval rating than the current President of the United States.

I invite James Martin and others to talk about issues, but I also stress to be careful of what you say.

Calls of discrimination, racism, and hate are backwards, cheap, and ineffective. Talk about issues and leave the low blows and name calling behind. Despite your so-called "journalism," all you have done is discriminate against my views, morals, and intellect.

Oh, and I should mention to Mr. Martin that the speed limit on most of Virginia's interstates is 65 mph. Maybe sticking to 84 mph wouldn't be such a bad idea.

Brian Cooney is a sophomore and President of UMW College Republicans.

# Sports



UMW students take aim during an archery class in 1942. The picture is one of many in the University's athletic archives.

## Kickin It Old School

By LAUREN BOSTON  
Sports Editor

Looking through some old pictures on the UMW athletic website last night, a terrifying thought came to mind.

I realized that I could one day end up in the William S. James Elementary gym archives, clad in a God-awful Twenty Bird t-shirt and clutch-

- **FIRST PERSON** -  
with twenty unnecessary pounds on my fifth grade frame.

I hope I will never grace this newspaper. But when I say my prayers tonight, I'm also gonna beg the Big Man to get rid of The Rope, a universal Mt. Everest for 10-year-olds that left you demoralized.

In my experience, The Rope was part of several "stations." Collapsing on the bacteria-infested blue mats after climbing no more than two inclines, I was usually forced to move on to the pommel horse.

Yeah, Mr. Freeland, this is exactly what I want to do right now. Send my chafed, splinter-ridden thighs flying over a giant rubber contraption that could prevent me from ever having children.

After surviving a stint in the air, it was time for scooter races. The scooters may have accommodated the 28-pound girl next to me, but I had trouble just fitting on the thing. I would feverishly propel the scooter with my hands until the one legitimately obese kid inevitably ran over my exposed fingers.

The next time you are at the gym on your own free will, take a minute to remember the elementary school children of America who are inching up The Rope as we speak.

I just hope someone's taking a picture.

## Hockey Extends Streak

Eagles Crush Bridgewater For Third Straight Victory

By LAUREN BOSTON  
Sports Editor

After a mediocre start to the season, the field hockey team took a defender out of the lineup and added a cherry picker on offense.

Three consecutive wins later, the formula is working.

"Since our last loss we have been playing a more offensive lineup," said senior Kalyn Perkins. "It's the same move we made last season when we went on our eight or nine game winning streak. Hopefully this streak will be longer."

With a shift in positions, the Eagles offense was in top form Tuesday, outshooting Bridgewater College 20-2 for a 5-1 win.

Junior Alison Weckstein was the first to score with 7:54 left in the half before connecting a second time less than a minute later.

"It was a good feeling going out there and scoring two goals in that time span," she said.

The Eagles began the second half up 2-0 before Bridgewater finally got on the board with 14:06 remaining.

According to Perkins, head coach Dana Hall was unhappy with the breakdown on defense.

"Our team was playing well throughout the whole game, but after Bridgewater scored, coach called a timeout and gave us a pep talk that we needed," she said.

"We all felt motivated and our response to her words was obvious on the field when we came back and scored three goals in a very short period of time."

The Eagles had no saves in goal, while Bridgewater recorded 12.

Weckstein is confident her team will only

progress as the season continues.

"This game was a good opportunity to see the depth of the team because almost everyone got to play in the game," she said. "Our losses were to three fantastic teams, two of which were nationally ranked. And I believe that we held with each of those teams and had the potential to beat all three of them."

The Eagles are 4-3 and will look to defend their streak when they host Wesley College Friday at 4:30 p.m. in CAC play.



Courtesy Clint Olsen

Head coach  
Dana Hall



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# Sports

## Soccer Shuts Down Rivals

*Eagle Men Edge Out Seahawks, 2-0*

By JOEY MERKEL  
Assistant Sports Editor

Good luck to the collective Capital Athletic Conference offense.

The University of Mary Washington men's soccer team earned its sixth shut out of the year yesterday, defeating St. Mary's College of MD, 2-0.

After losing the first game of the season last week following a five game win streak, junior Stefan Malone was glad to get back on track.

"It's good that we were able to get over our first loss," he said. "Saturday was the first time we got scored on this season and I'm happy to be able to come back."

Head coach Roy Gordon agrees.

"It's always important to get another win under your belt, you want to win every game," he said.

The Eagles fought neck and neck with the Seahawks, both teams remaining scoreless in the first 30 minutes.

The game heated up with 14 minutes left in the first half thanks to a goal by UMW freshman forward T.L. Tutor.

St. Mary's goalie was able to deflect Tutor's shot, but sent it ricocheting off the far post and into the back of the net.

UMW senior Vincent Kooijman nearly tacked another goal on the board late in the second half after breaking away from the pack on the left side.

The Seahawks' goalie left the box as Kooijman pushed past him with a seemingly open path to the goal. St. Mary's defender Travis Zarker came out of nowhere at the last second to make a sliding save, the ball inches from crossing the goal line.

Sophomore Ryan Taibl brought the score to 2-

0 later in the half before Kooijman and Zarker upped the tension on the field.

Zarker appeared to intentionally step on Kooijman while he was on the ground, earning the one and only yellow card of the game.

UMW entered the second half still up 2-0, as both teams focused on defense.

The Eagles came close to their third goal of the game with just under seven minutes left when Tutor found Kooijman on a cross.

St. Mary's goalie managed to deflect the ball, earning his only save of the day.

The Eagles dodged a bullet late in the second half when St. Mary's senior forward Alex Pyzik had a breakthrough down the left side before facing UMW goalie, sophomore Emmett Rutkowski, one on one.

Pyzik's shot missed, going just right of the goal.

Taibl said UMW had several close calls.

"We gave them a few chances, which we shouldn't have and we got a little lucky," he said.

The Eagles hung on to their lead to shut out St. Mary's, led on defense by juniors Melone and David Rodriguez and sophomores Ryan Toohey and Matt Lawrey.

Gordon said he is proud of his team for bouncing

“We gave them a few chances, which we shouldn't have and we got a little lucky.”

- Sophomore Ryan Taibl

back.

"The fact that they recovered [from last week's loss], and they're out of class by 2:50 and on the field ready to play by 4, it just speaks volumes," he said.

Taibl was also proud of the team.

"We had a lot of opportunities and we finished them and got a great result," he said. "And as always, our defense played tremendously."

The Eagles, who are now 6-1 overall, will face North Carolina Wesleyan College Sunday.



Beth Wilkins-Bulter

Junior Tommy DiNuzzo gets air time during yesterday's 2-0 win over St. Mary's College of MD. The Eagles earned their sixth shutout on the season.

## Runners Breeze Past Opponents

By GOVINDA AVASARALA  
Staff Writer

After a strong start to the season, the University of Mary Washington's men and women's cross country teams look to take the next step and challenge for a spot at the NCAA National Championships this year.

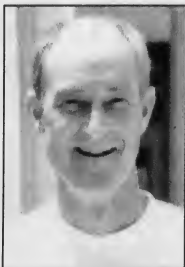
Both men's and women's teams made a strong statement, winning their first race of the season at the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational at Virginia Beach.

The Eagles followed their performance by travelling to New York City to participate in the NYU Invitational, where the women nabbed their second consecutive first place finish and the men took fifth place in their division.

Head coach Stan Soper is cautiously optimistic about the rest of the season.

"The season is still young, but so far we are off to a solid start," he said. "Our meet at NYU went pretty well, and though we know that we have lots of work ahead of us, we feel like this could be a

very successful season for both the women's and men's teams."



Courtesy Chris O'Brien

Head Coach Stan Soper

Soper's optimism is not unfounded. At the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational, the Eagles accounted for five of the top six finishers, including sophomores Frank DeVar, Matt Cash, and Jason Driscoll, who finished first, second and third, respectively.

DeVar also finished a team-high 20th in New York.

These "super-sophomores" are part of the reason the men's team remains confident regarding their chances for the upcoming season.

Senior James Rock is impressed with this year's roster.

"We have one of the most talented teams that we've had over the past four years," he said.

The men's team, which has finished second in the conference four of the past five years, and narrowly missed making the NCAA Championships over that same span, sees this year as a great opportunity to usurp the competition and advance deeper into the season.

DeVar said the Eagles are determined to make it all the way this year.

"Our team's main goal is to win the conference championships and to advance to the NCAA championships as a team," he said.

On the women's side, three straight runner-up finishes in the CAC tournament have left UMW with a similar ambition to take over the top spot from Salisbury University.

Soper expects senior leadership to guide the younger runners.

"The women's team is led by two seniors, and then we have to rely on a good group of freshman," he said. "Hopefully those freshman women will adjust to this level of training and will help us perform well as a team in November."

Senior Ann Tripp agrees.

"We definitely are looking strong, but I think that our depth is what might be able to take us even farther this year," she said.

The women are off to a perfect start after earning a first place finish in their first two competitions of the season.

At Virginia Beach, Tripp and senior Cristy Fal-

“We have one of the most talented teams over the past four years.”

— Senior James Rock



ccone finished second and third, respectively.

Freshman Hayley Sullivan had a strong performance as well, taking fourth place.

In New York City, Tripp, who was recently named CAC women's cross country runner of the week, followed up her previous weekend's performance by placing third.

Falcone finished sixth overall.

The Eagles have an off weekend before they travel to the Paul Short Invitational in Lehigh, PA Sept. 28.

### Upcoming Events

- Sept. 20 - Volleyball vs. Washington, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Field hockey vs. Wesley, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 22 - Women's soccer vs. York, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 23 - Field hockey vs. Roanoke, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 25 - Volleyball vs. St. Mary's, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - Women's soccer vs. Marymount, 4 p.m.

### Team of the Week

The volleyball team won the Catholic University Guetle Invitational on Saturday.

